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Guide Sheet for Overview of Korean War Movie Clip

Directions:

·         As you view the movie during class, take notes on the different sub topics discussed

·         If you need to, re-watch the movie at home to gain more details

·        Upload the COMPLETED document to your wiki page and title it.

**Topics discussed in the Movie that you should take notes on:**

**1910: Japanese Rule:**

* Began with the Japan Korea treaty
* Korean peninsula formally annexed into the Japanese empire
* Japanese rule only lasted 35 years
* All of the governor generals were high-ranking Japanese military officers-> high positions taken by the Japanese
* Japanese government treated the Koreans as a conquered people
* the people were not allowed to publish their own newspapers or to organize political or intellectual groups

**1945: 38th Parallel**

* Soviets coming from above, Americans coming from below (occupy Japan first)
* US and Soviet Union are allies at this point
* Us wanted them to all stop at the 38th parallel
* Soviets wanted to agree to become more trusted
* Everything below 38th parallel under US influence
* North is under Soviet influence

**1948: Non-Free Elections (Communist North)**

* Kim Jong sets up communist dictatorship in the North
* Kim Jong ll is the current leader of North Korea’s dad
* attempt at elections- elections are seriously rigged
* Syngman Rhee and Kim Jong are not “good guys”
* they have done nasty things to both each other and innocent civilians

**1949: Communists come to power in China**

* A Civil War led up to China becoming communists. The communists were led by Mao Zedong and the nationalists were led by Chang
* Zedong gets in power and wants to support North Korea as communist, especially since many of those people helped fight the communist side in the Chinese Civil War
* Zedong wants to spread communism and he does not like the Americans in South Korea

**1950:  6/25: North Korea Invasion**

* The North Korean Army was much stronger than the South
* The North decides to invade as they want to go through the parallel and take over the peninsula
* UN started to supply South Korea with naval and air support
* North Koreans keep marching forward
* On July 1st the US commits ground forces which we send from Japan
* North Korea was able to take over almost all of the peninsula expect the north eastern corner of South Korea
* The halt the North Korean Army at the Pussan Perimeter
* Douglas MacArthur takes control of US Army and they build up significant troops with the UN
* North Korea thinks they are on the verge of victory but the SOuth is getting stronger and the War turns into a game of risk

**9/15: Incheon**

* United states has plans of sending troops to Incheon which is near Seoul
* The strategy was not to fight through the North but to outflank them
* Americans then disrupted North Korean supply lines
* MacArthur looks like a genius as he is able to regain Seoul and somewhat take over the North Korean capital of Pyong

**10/19: Pyong captured**

* McArthur becomes very confident and wants to attack China.
* He wants  to prevent China from helping North Korea.
* Wants to attack China bomb over the Yalu River so they can no longer have troops cross over the river.
* When Truman tries to stop McArthur he is ignored.

**10/25-11/1: Chinese 2nd Phase**

* Americans think that they are on the verge of winning the Korean War near the end of october.
* All the sudden Chinese cross the Yalu River.
* America did not even know they had major forces to cross.

**1951:**

**1/14: Seoul falls again**

* Chinese are serious and is able to push back North Koreans and Americans to recapture Seoul.
* Surprise attack from the Chinese forces

**3/14- Seoul recaptured**

* Chinese secretly cross the Yalu River and go through North Korea and push the Americans back, and capture Seoul
* Americans regroup after Chinese attack and recapture Seoul from North Korea

**April: McArthur dismissed**

* UN forces are under control by General Douglas McArthur (Truman has trouble controlling him)
* After America retakes Seoul, he thinks China has already lost the war
* He tries to get permission from Truman to use nuclear weapons on China
* After this Truman has had enough and dismisses McArthur

**1953:**

**7/27: Armistice**

* It took two years to negotiate
* North and South Korea are in an official state of war to this day (as of 2011)
* The Armistice was not a peace treaty, but an agreement to stop fighting
* There were many loses from the war, just to end up back where they started

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